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SUBJECT: ARAB ACCUSATIONS OF US PARTICIPATION IN AIR ATTACKS ON
SYRIA

1. REUTERS CARRYING REPORTS FROM PARIS, CITING
STATEMENTS BY ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE AND SYRIAN EMBASSY
THERE, THAT PHANTOM BEARING USAF MARKINGS AND PILOTED
BY AMERICAN WAS SHOT DOWN OCTOBER 12, OVER DAMASCUS.
ACCORDING TO SPOESMAN FOR SYRIAN EMBASSY PARIS,
PILOT WAS CAPTURED ALIVE AND IMMEDIATELY CLAIMED TO
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BE AMCIT AND VIETNAM VETERAN. DAMASCUS RADIO

REPORTEDLY CARRYING SAME STORY PLUS
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PILOT WILL BE SHOWN ON TV.

2. REQUEST DEPT ISSUE PROMPT AND CATEGORIC
DENIAL OF THESE REPORTS, WHICH COULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE
EXTREMELY DANGEROUS IMPACT ON US INTERESTS AND
CITIZENS HERE AND ELSEWHERE IN OVERHEATED MIDDLE EAST.
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